

**APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 88 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

FORM 9

To Tararua District Council
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Owners/occupiers of the land to which the proposal relates

Owner	Pier Albert Hoeksema and Brenda Mary Hoeksema
Legal Description	Section 2 Block II Mangahao Survey District

Owner	Maurice Frank McDonald
Legal Description	Section 6 Block II Mangahao Survey District

Owner	Ronald Charles Mabey, Jennifer Mabey and Peter Martin Luoni
Legal Description	Part Section 1 Block XIX Mangahao Survey District

Owner	Glen Ridge Limited
Legal Description	Section 4 Block II Mangahao Survey District

Location

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Type of Resource Consents Sought

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- Land use consent (s9)

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Each turbine consists of a tower, a rotor and a nacelle and has the following specifications:

- Installed capacity of 0.5MW
- Maximum tower height of 29 metres
- Maximum blade diameter of 33.2 metres
- A maximum turbine height (tower and blades) of approximately 47 metres.

Resource Consents Sought

NZ Windfarms Ltd applies for the necessary resource consents to create an eastern extension to the Te Rere Hau wind farm. The Te Rere Hau Eastern Extension will involve the construction, operation and maintenance of 56 additional WF500 wind turbines, requiring the following consents:

- Land use consent (s9) - to construct, commission, operate and maintain the extension to Te Rere Hau Wind Farm
- Land use consent (s9) - To undertake earthworks of more than 200m³ of soil and clean fill material
- Land use consent (s9) - To construct access tracks from North Range Road
- Land use consent (s9) – To construct structures that exceed height restrictions
- Land use consent (s9) – To modify a “Significant Natural Feature”
- Land use consent (s9) – To clear indigenous vegetation

Lapsing Period

Under Section 125 of the RMA, a resource consent lapses five years after its date of commencement unless:

- (i) it has been given effect to before the end of the period; or
- (ii) the resource consent expressly provides for a longer lapsing period.

In terms of the second provision, the Applicant requests that a lapsing period of 10 years be applied to all of the resource consents issued for the TRHE. This request is to enable NZWL flexibility to begin construction of the extension dependent on resource availability and in the appropriate season in order to minimise transient construction effects.

Additional Resource Consents required

Associated resource consents to create an eastern extension to the Te Rere Hau wind farm have been lodged with Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council. Copies of these applications are attached; they utilise the same AEE as that lodged with this application.

Effects on the environment

An assessment of effects, in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 and in the detail that corresponds with the scale and significance of the effects that the proposed activity may have on the environment form Volume I of this document.

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Land and Water Regional Plan

- Land use consent (s9) - To undertake earthworks and vegetation removal
- Stormwater discharge consent (s14) - To discharge stormwater from site, including turbine and transformer sites
- Contaminants discharge consent (s15) - To discharge contaminants from site

Proposed One Plan

- Land use consent (s9) - To undertake construction on 'hillcountry highly erodible land'
- Land use consent (s9) - To clear vegetation on 'hillcountry highly erodible land'
- Land use consent (s9) - To clear vegetation, disturb land and discharge contaminants near a potential New Zealand Falcon habitat
- Land use consent (s13) - To erect structures within and disturbance of waterways associated with culverts and cabling
- Stormwater discharge consent (s14) - To discharge stormwater from site, including turbine and transformer sites and other construction facilities
- Stormwater discharge consent (s14) - To discharge from clean fill

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